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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Thomas A. SILVESTRI

Serial No.: 08/596,221

Filing Date: July 15, 1996

For: SEGMENTED PLIABLE  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated January 6, 1999. This extension will extend the time the response is due from April 6, 1999 to July 6, 1999.

- ☒ A three months extension is requested; the extension fee is \$435.00.
- ☐ The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated .
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$585.00 is attached (\$435.00, extension of time fee and \$150.00, Notice of Appeal fee).

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to

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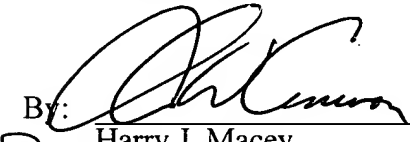
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Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 251692002120. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 6, 1999

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